

Evidence in the Tom Dula Trials

Instructions : *The case of Tom Dula is largely circumstantial, but cases built on such evidence have been successfully prosecuted. For each bit of evidence listed below decide whether it is circumstantial or direct. For those that are circumstantial indicate the person who corroborated, or supported, the testimony.*

Circumstantial Evidence	Direct Evidence
Evidence of an indirect nature. Example Roger says he put his iPod in his backpack and left the room. As he was leaving Claire entered the room. When Roger came back his iPod was missing.	Means of proof showing the existence of a fact in question without the intervention of the proof of any other fact. Example Roger testifies he saw Claire steal his iPod.

Wilson Foster's mare was at the Bates place.

Tom Dula dug a grave on Thursday before Laura Foster was killed.

Laura Foster was stabbed.

Ann Melton helped Tom Dula dig the grave.

Laura Foster was alive at daybreak on Friday.

Tom Dula and Laura Foster were going to run away and get married.

The body found in the grave is that of Laura Foster.